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Request for Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a divisional application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/465,298
2. Filing Date: December 17, 1999
3. Title as originally filed: FINE MULTICOMPONENT FIBER WEBS AND LAMINATES THEREOF
4. Applicants as originally filed: Darryl Franklin Clark, Justin Max Duellman, Bryan David Haynes, Matthew Boyd Lake, Jeffrey Lawrence McManus, Kevin Edward Smith.
5. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 10365 Plantation Bridge Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022.
6. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0349.

The prior application is currently pending before Examiner Jenna-Leigh Befumo in Group 1771. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes twenty-eight (28) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, twenty-three (23) claims, and six (6) sheets of drawings.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signature of the inventor in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/465,298 entitled "FINE MULTICOMPONENT FIBER WEBS AND LAMINATES THEREOF" and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 1999 claiming priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/112,847 filed on December 12, 1998. The entirety of application serial number 09/465,298 is hereby incorporated by reference. --

And, if indicated:

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

☐ Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated, after entry, if applicable, of any amendments, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Robert A. Ambrose, hereby certify that on February 12, 2004 the aforementioned documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. EL188516341US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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